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SUBJECT: DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM-RAIS YATIM

REF: DEA 05118, FEB. 17, 1978

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED UP PREVIOUS INQUIRIES ABOUT RAIS' AVAILABILITY FOR A PROGRAM APRIL 17-28. ACCORDING TO HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, RAIS CANNOT GIVE A FIRM REPLY ABOUT HIS AVAILABILITY ON THOSE DATES BECAUSE THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MALAYSIA SOMETIME DURING THAT PERIOD AND HE WOULD BE ENTIRELY OCCUPIED WITH HIS POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. ONE STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION IS PLANNED NOW FOR MARCH 11, AND THE GOM IS EVIDENTLY WAITING TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF THAT ELECTION BEFORE DECIDING ON WHETHER OR NOT TO HOLD THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR. IF THEY DECIDED TO HOLD ELECTIONS THIS YEAR, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE PERIOD APRIL-JUNE.

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2. WE ARE THUS NOT ABLE TO GET A COMMITMENT FROM RAIS ON THE APRIL 17-28 DATES UNTIL MID-MARCH. IF DEA CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THEN FOR A FINAL DECISION, WE SUGGEST THAT THE PROGRAM BE RESCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME AFTER JUNE. RAIS' PRIVATE SECRETARY IS AWARE THAT WE ARE MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION AND SAID THAT RAIS IS STILL VERY EAGER TO PARTICIPATE

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